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11 April 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: See Below


SUBJECT : Distribution of Net Assessment Done
for the Secretary of Defense

1. The Director has instructed that internal distribution of the net assessment of North Vietnamese and South Vietnamese armed forces prepared for the Secretary of Defense be limited to the list below.

2. At this writing, four copies have been externally distributed: one to Secretary Laird, one to Deputy Secretary Rush, one to Major General Pursley and one to Lt. General Bennett. Additional external distribution will be per Secretary Laird's instructions. He was extremely impressed with and most grateful for the memorandum, which he said he would study in detail this afternoon and this evening. He will call me on 12 April to say what additional copies he wants distributed around town.

3. The Director was also highly complimentary of the net assessment study and considered it a most impressive piece of work. He regards both the paper and the fact that it was done unilaterally by the Agency as matters of particular sensitivity. Therefore, he wants no distribution to be effected beyond that outlined below without his express approval.

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Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

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